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Concordia Church, Toledo

A Pearl Harbor church and a typical Missouri Synod mission

Concordia Church of Toledo, Ohio, was dedicated on Pearl Harbor Day. The Rev. W. Pasche is pastor. Our frontispiece shows an excellent photograph of a church-going congregation.

The Lutheran Hour Rallies held at Boston Garden, Boston, Mass., in the afternoon and evening of Oct. 14 attracted a total attendance of more than 10,000 in spite of a streetcar operators' strike which kept suburban streetcars from operating. Dr. W. A. Maier was the speaker.

The Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Litt. D., on Nov. 1 took over the editorship of *The Lutheran,* the official journal of the United Lutheran Church in America. He had previously served for five years on the staff of *The Lutheran,* contributing the section "The Church in the News" and book reviews.

Bible-reading British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery has some eminent churchmen among his immediate ancestors. His maternal grandfather was Canon Farrar, author of the famous *Life of Christ.* His paternal grandfather wrote the hymn "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire," No. 454 in our *Lutheran Hymnal.*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, Mo., the Rev. P. W. Streufert, pastor, dedicated its new church in October, 1929, after having secured a loan of $60,000 for its construction. In October of this year the congregation observed its sixteenth anniversary, with the entire debt paid.

Our Lutherans in the Greater Boston area are laying plans for a Lutheran High School, to be opened by September, 1946, or, at the latest, by September, 1947. Progress has been made to the point where the Lutheran Interchurch Council, composed of all Synodical Conference Lutheran church councils in the region, has instructed its executive committee to submit definite suggestions towards attaining the goal which has been set.

Salem National Lutheran School, Detroit, Mich., is the first Christian day school of our Finnish brethren in America. Pastor F. J. Pies opened the school in September, 1944, himself teaching the eight children enrolled, which by the end of the term increased to twenty-two. Last September the school opened with fifty-one children, and Mrs. O. Mattson as second teacher took over the lower grades. Two students of the Ev. Lutheran National Church are now enrolled at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

Salem Luth. Church, Gardenville, St. Louis County, Mo., 650 communicants, during the last year has demonstrated its deep interest in the Christian day school. Evidence is the following: two salary increases for teachers in the course of a year; the addition of a third teacher to the staff; redecoration of another classroom at great expense; purchase of a movie projector for the school; and last, but not least, acquisition of a new school bus costing $3,200. The enrollment this fall was 117, twenty-six above last June.

The Libreria Evangelica Luterana, bookstore of the Spanish language congregations of the Missouri Synod in North America, Brownsville, Tex., on April 30 completed its tenth year. During the last fiscal year seventy-four different Spanish books or tracts were carried in stock, and of these 36,559 copies were sold, and 2,506 were sent out as samples and gifts. These materials went to thirteen States within the United States and to Puerto Rico, Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Panama, Colombia, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Curacao.

Prof. Erwin L. Meyer, on the faculty of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the summer convocation at Indiana University. He majored in German literature, and the subject of his dissertation is: "The Changing Attitude Toward Georg Buechner."

The Rev. W. C. Baumann, missionary in the service of the Lutheran Institutional Mission of Brown County of Wisconsin, conducts a Bible class at the Wisconsin State Reformatory near Green Bay. The 125 young men in the class each week receive sheets of twenty questions. The Bible references are studied in the quietude of the cell, and the written answers show whether the subject has been understood. As a direct result of this Bible class, eleven prisoners have joined our Church through Baptism or confirmation so far this year, while twenty-one more are receiving religious instruction.

At the request of the Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War, the Rev. F. J. Seltz of St. Paul, Minn., and the Rev. George Shibata, our Japanese Lutheran missionary, recently visited the 750 interned Japanese at Fort Lincoln, near Bismarck, N. Dak. After an interview, a service was arranged for the second day. Hymnals were borrowed from the local Lutheran congregation, and there were several hymnals in the Japanese language. Asked what hymn they would like to sing, one of the internees suggested, in broken English, "Luther's hymn" and then began to hum the melody. Needless to say, that hymn was sung. Beginning Nov. 18, Rev. Shibata will conduct regular services at the camp. G. V. S.

First Place of Worship, Our Savior Church, Fair Lawn, N. J.
It was not *our* Bingo that was announced to the traffic. The picture answers the question: Why is a Church Extension Fund?

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Editorial

Mission Festivals Are Over, But —

It is customary in our Lutheran churches to set aside one Sunday every year (mission festival) for the purpose of reminding our Christian people of their missionary obligation, that is, of the Christian duty to make known the Gospel to those who are not in the Christian Church. That there is ample opportunity to do this there can be no doubt. A report, for instance, says that only nineteen per cent of the population of the State of Washington is churched and that in Seattle only four per cent of the Lutheran people attend church services. Similar conditions are found throughout our country; some better, some perhaps worse. It is said that seventy million of our people are not in the churches. Many of these unchurched are in territories where we have churches, and there the missionary work should be done by the local pastor and his church. In many places, however, we are not at all represented. These beckon to the Mission Boards of our Districts to begin work in new fields. When we add to all this the opportunities which our Church has to spread the Gospel in this postwar era in Europe, India, China, Japan, the Islands of the Pacific, Africa, not forgetting our neighbors in Canada, Mexico, and Panama, then surely both our privileges and our responsibilities of spreading the Gospel of our Savior present to us a most tremendous task. Much is said and written about reconstruction in this postwar era. The Second World War has again amply demonstarted that such things as education, culture, civilization, not to speak of material wealth and the luxuries of life which it supplies, are not the things which make for the real uplift of man, cannot prevent wars and make for peace among the nations, and certainly cannot bring to the hearts of men the peace of God, from which all other blessings flow. For the ills of mankind, which all have their root in the sin of man's heart, only the Christian Church has the cure, to wit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "who is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him," Heb. 7:25.

Yes, the mission festivals are over for this church year, but, if they have served their purpose, our pastors and church members will put forth a renewed effort in mission activities in the new church year. J. H. C. F.

Dr. Frederick H. Knubel

Dr. Knubel, the first president of the United Lutheran Church in America and the incumbent of that office for 26 years, was called to his reward on October 16. Dr. Knubel was born in 1870 and was a graduate of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Theological Seminary. After serving 22 years in a pastorate of the General Synod, he was elected president of the U. L. C. A. in 1918, when that body was organized. He was influential in the organizing in 1919 of the National Lutheran Council, on the executive board of which he served many years, and in the establishment of the Lutheran World Convention.

No one is elected to the same high office for 13 terms unless he has distinctive qualities of leadership. When the merger of 1918 was formed, the general expectancy was that the leading theologian, scholar, and a man of action, President T. E. Schmauck of the General Council, would become first president. When the election of Rev. Knubel was announced, everybody asked, "Who is Knubel?" It was explained to us that he was a middle-of-the-road man who had, during the debate on confessionalism which had been rife in the General Synod for years, expressed no opinion. It must be said, however, that under his long years of presidency his influence was definitely cast in the direction of conservatism in doctrine and policy. It was he that urged the adoption of resolutions which strengthened the public testimony of the U. L. C. concerning verbal inspiration, unionism, and secret orders. As a man of superb qualities when presiding at conventions, he managed well in holding discordant elements together. It will require a close study of Dr. Knubel's career to determine whether his constant re-elections with massive pluralities came because of his conservative leanings or in spite of them. At this time one long conversation in 1942 lingers in the memory, which left no doubt where the man's heart was — he loved his Lutheran Church and knew the strength of her confessionalism. G.

Luther in the News

This desk never is without some letter, clipping, or secular magazine illustrating the perennial interest in Martin Luther. Just now what meets our eye is a news column entitled "Did You Know?" (a feature of the NEA Service, Inc.) containing the statement that Martin Luther was an epileptic. Some readers of the *Saginaw News* objected. It seems that our Lutherans up that way have their own Lutheran Reply in working operation. At least, the regional director of NEA reports that "the statement regarding Martin Luther was in error" and expressed his regrets.

At Chilton, Wis., the *Times-Journal* accepted a full-page ad in connection with Reformation Day, supplied by the Lutherans of that community, setting forth in a positive fashion the high points of the Reformation, some of the slants of Luther's life, where he is slandered, the fundamentals of Lutheranism, and Lutheranism as an influence. Exceedingly well done.

The Billings (Montana) *Gazette* of November 2 has a

story in bold type about Martin Luther as a bowler: "Martin Luther was an enthusiastic bowler. Experiments convinced him that nine pins made an ideal game, and this finally was decided upon as the standard for the game in Germany. When played indoors, the ball was rolled at the pins; when played in the open, if the surface was rough, a player was given his choice of throwing or rolling the ball at the pins."

Sometimes he intrudes where his presence is not wanted. On the Catholic Hour, November 4, the announcer said that the music of the choir from Holy Name College in Washington could not come through; instead, the organ in New York was to play. And what did it play? *"A Mighty Fortress"*—! Then came Father McArthy and spoke on St. Augustine. G.

Protestants are Waking Up

What we read in a number of other Protestant periodicals indicates that the machinations of Rome are alarming the lovers of freedom of religion. The persecution of Protestants in South America and in Spain has awakened some. The sinister endeavors of Romanists to have the Government turn over to them much of its financial and educational means have aroused those who fear the loss of the very precious possessions for which thousands of our own soldiers have given their lives and millions of our citizens have sacrificed property and money. Moreover, we may be sure that even those who are not interested in religion, but who are opposed to all tyranny, will stop at nothing to resist anyone who seeks to dominate by means of oppression and persecution. History proves sufficiently that one extreme produces the other. Tyranny provokes rebellion. Luther foretold the Romanists what would happen to them if they did not accept the peaceful testimony of the truth.

Here in St. Louis the Protestants staged a Reformation festival that, as far as numbers are concerned, was most impressive. About 18,000 crowded the two largest public halls which the city provides. Many thousands who could not even find standing room were turned away. Luther's battle hymn of the Reformation, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," was sung by the entire assembly repeatedly. The press provided dignified publicity. Whatever one may think of certain features of the celebration, it certainly proved a demonstration against Romanists here in this territory, in which 150 years ago no Protestant church was permitted. S.

Who Needs You?

The weak and the imperfect need you, the ignorant and the perplexed need you, the wayward and the suffering need you. Oh, and so many more need you. There is so much for you to do, so many need your service. You have good reason to be happy because your services are so much in demand. Do not tell us, I readily admit that there are many people who need help, but I am not the person who can help them, for I myself am so imperfect. You are mistaken. These imperfect people need the help of imperfect people. That is the way of God. He wants the blind to help the lame, and the lame to help the blind. Jesus chose those imperfect disciples, Peter, Thomas, James, and Paul, to help their fellow men, and what wonders these imperfect persons accomplished! That is one of the precious truths of the Bible; it tells us plainly and honestly of the imperfections, ay, even of the sins, of many of the greatest saints. Abraham, the very father of the faithful, sometimes was a brave hero of faith, but at other times he sinned. The same is true of Jacob, of David, of Solomon, of Hezekiah, and of all the other Patriarchs. Peter and Paul quarreled, the Virgin Mary foolishly tried to correct the Lord Jesus. What a saint, what an Apostle, what a wonderful Christian and missionary was St. Paul! And yet he honestly confessed, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect." He suffered both because of his bodily infirmity and because of the temptations of his old Adam.

There are no more foolish and unreasonable people in this world than those who expect perfection in anyone. There are no perfect preachers, no perfect husbands, no perfect fathers, no perfect wives and mothers, no perfect children. But, oh, what blessed work they all do if they pray for each other, if they correct each other in the spirit of meekness, considering themselves lest they also be tempted, Gal. 6:1. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called that ye should inherit a blessing," 1 Pet. 3:8-9.

Luther was rather blunt and at times expressed himself with considerable force and directness, but he was also very patient with the weak, he could meet again and again with those who were bewildered or in error or in doubt. He listened to them and answered them. He told the impatient zealots, "Remember that we must first drink milk before we can eat strong meat. Have patience with those who do not understand everything as clearly as you do. Yea, God Himself tells us through St. Paul, 'We, then, that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves,' Rom. 15:1, and, 'Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth,' 1 Cor. 8:1." You need others, and others need you. Read also 2 Cor. 8:14. S.

Australian Lutherans Have a Reply

Our Australian brethren have a way of tracking down those who misrepresent their Church and holding on with truly British bull-dog tenacity until they get results. When rumors were set afloat regarding their loyalty in the late war, they went to the courts and dropped the suit for damages only when retraction was made so publicly that they actually got more advertisement for their loyal citizenship than their original slander had received. They lie awake at night watching their good name.

It happened last May that the Melbourne *Herald* contained a news report which might lead the general public to infer that Lutherans in Australia were "a militant minority" and that they were associated with the German Lutheran Church and Nazism. Our Public Relations Committee went into action, and two days later the *Herald* printed a retraction. Then the author of the original statement was asked to explain. He assured our officials that he "deeply and sincerely regretted the pain and annoyance" which members of our Church had been caused by the published statement. Not only that, but he wrote a letter to the same newspaper in which he solemnly declared that he had no thought of identifying the Australian Lutheran Church with Nazism or of regarding it as a menace as a "militant minority," and that this letter was written to correct the wrong deductions which have been made in this matter.

Our Australian Lutherans seem to believe that a denomination's good name is its most prized temporal possession. They are right. G.

Successful Christian Mission Work in a Hostile World

By A. RANZAU, Thornton, Iowa

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Jesus died to save all men from their sins. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Paul added the significant words: "And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." That means, we Christians have been entrusted with the stewardship of the Gospel of salvation. Every Christian is by virtue of his faith in Christ an ambassador of Christ. We need this encouragement especially in our day, when Christians, too, are engaged in various activities and "the one thing needful" stands in danger of being somewhat neglected. However, the work of the Lord must and will go forward, and we are to be workers together with God in this work.

Successful Christian mission work in a hostile world! Christian mission work is successful, but it is not always apparent that it is successful in the face of adversity and opposition. Wars bring only death and destruction; the Gospel brings life and salvation. For which of these two would you rather live and give? Of the preaching of the Gospel the Lord says, "It shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Christians, in view of world conditions, are seriously concerned about the present and future welfare of the Church. There have been many reports of church property being destroyed, of Christians being deprived of the right of worship, of false doctrine being foisted upon the people, of clergy and laity being imprisoned, banished, and even slain for the truth's sake. All this disturbs the Christian's peace of mind. However, when world conditions and circumstances seem most unfavorable, then the time is frequently most opportune for successful mission work. The first Christian congregation at Jerusalem was persecuted. But in spite of it, we read, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word," Acts 8:4. The unbelievers tried to suppress the Gospel of Christ and to exterminate the first Christian congregation. Jesus had given His disciples the command "to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." But how can they successfully carry out this command when the home congregation itself at Jerusalem is being persecuted and suppressed? The enemies seem to conquer. They disperse and scatter the members of the Jerusalem congregation. Saul made havoc of the Church. He went into the homes of the Christians to drag them into prison. When he got to the homes, the Christians were not there. Where were they? They were scattered abroad. Were they in hiding? No, they were everywhere, preaching the Word. The enemies, trying to hinder the Gospel, had driven them everywhere, but in reality they could only hasten and speed its onward course.

Under God's all-wise direction the unbelievers by their treachery and deceit are made to serve and advance not their own evil plans, but the Lord's good and gracious will. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath and vex them in His sore displeasure; Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion," Ps. 2. Saul, endeavoring to exterminate the Gospel, was himself conquered by the Gospel, and it made of him a Paul, the zealous missionary and confessor of Christ. Thirty years later Paul himself was in prison for the Gospel's sake. Then he wrote the Christians at Philippi a letter, saying, "The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel." The Apostle does not lament, but he rejoices over his imprisonment. Why? Because it has furthered the cause of the Gospel. The Apostles Peter and John were haled before the Jewish Council and commanded "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." They would be permitted to go free only on one condition: not to speak a word about Jesus. The Apostles went home and together with their fellow Christians prayed this prayer: "Lord, grant unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word." Again, the high priest and the Sadducees laid their hands on the Apostles and put them in prison. Will they keep still now? Let's see. The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth and said, "Go, stand, and speak in the Temple to the people all the words of this life." When they were again haled before the council, the Apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." Gamaliel, one of the council members, speaking of the work of the Apostles, gave his fellows this wise advice: "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." In spite of every conceivable type of opposition, persecution, and threatening, the Apostles accomplished what the Lord had sent them to do. God was with them. If we have Jesus on our side, our work for Him cannot fail.

The Building Laws Have Teeth

By F. R. WEBBER, New York City

With one of the greatest church building eras in our history just ahead of us, awaiting only the easing of priorities, many letters have been coming in from congregations. Very few of them are aware of the changes that have been taking place in recent years, and changes that have a most important bearing on the legal status of a congregation preparing to build.

Building permits are almost universal nowadays. One might as well drive his motor car without license plates as attempt to build without securing a permit from the building department.

To secure such a permit, one is required in most communities to file a set of complete working drawings and specifications. These are checked by qualified men, and certain standards are required. This is in the interest of public safety.

Forty-four of our States have passed definite laws requiring the licensing of architects and demanding that any building within the State be designed only by an architect or a firm who hold a State license or a reciprocal license. This too is in the interest of public safety.

To secure a State license, the architect must satisfy the State examining board of his educational and technical training. In the free and easy old days, many uneducated clergymen, physicians, attorneys, and architects were permitted. Then each of these professions raised the educational and technical requirements. To be an attorney nowadays, one must have a college or university education and a diploma from an accredited law school. The same is true of the physician and the clergyman. Moreover, the attorney must be accepted by the bar association, the physician by the medical association, and the clergyman by his denominational group.

It requires several major disasters to do the same thing for the architectural profession. The Collinwood school fire, the Boyertown disaster, the Iroquois fire, the

collapse of the roof of the Columbia Road theater in Washington, all had their share, and public safety laws began to be passed. Today it is hard to put up any kind of building without coming face to face with some legal aspect of the project. This is a good thing, for it is to safeguard human lives.

Many congregations do not understand this. They recall the old days when almost any amateur could make a set of drawings, or even the cases where one church could borrow an old set of blueprints from another church, make all manner of changes, and then build. These and various other objectionable methods are now barred by existing laws.

Architectural commissions (fees) are fixed by the American Institute of Architects, Washington, D. C. For years, 6 per cent has been the usual fee, although an architect was permitted to charge but 4½ per cent if supervision was performed by another architect. Thus a specialist in church design living at a distance might make the drawings and prepare the specifications, while a local man could supervise construction. Recently, we are informed, the recommended commission for churches has been raised to 10 per cent, although many architects still charge the old rate of 6 per cent. To write letters seeking names of men who will do the work at a reduced rate is somewhat of a waste of time, for the more rigid requirements of our State laws have done much to eliminate the cut-rate men, who often were men of inferior technical training.

In view of the widespread building era that is upon us, it is well that our congregations acquaint themselves with their State laws.

For Christ and Humanity

A Chaplain Visits Our Mission in the Ambur District of India

Last month it was my privilege to attend the sessions of the Biennial Refresher Conference of our missionaries and Indian pastors in Southern India. Representative missionaries and Indian pastors from each of our mission districts in India attended; in all there were about forty-five.

Most of the meetings were conducted in the native language. With one of our missionaries sitting next to me and acting as an interpreter, I could follow the discussions intelligently. One thing that impressed me was the deep interest taken by all the men, both white and Indian, in their work and in the discussions. No one — and I mean no one — was ever absent from any of the sessions, and it was plenty hot, too. When some point in Exegesis, Dogmatics, or other subject was under consideration, each speaker had to know what he was talking about, or some one else, Indian or white, would soon set him straight.

One day I was much amused when I came to one of the sessions a little late. Before anyone could tell me what the topic was, I just knew they were talking about the budget, because the discussion was louder and more lively than usual. Just like the conferences and synodical conventions in the good old U. S. A., when the same topic was up for consideration. In fact, that is another thing that impressed me; the sessions were so much like the ones back home. It made one feel that our Church is certainly in India. I would not be a bit surprised if the interest of our India brethren in the work of preaching the Gospel and winning souls for Christ is a little keener than in the States.

An interesting feature of the conference was a tour of most of our stations in the Ambur District. Never will I forget this trip — not even the flat tire which Missionaries Grumm and Kretzmann had to fix along the road in the blazing sun. We visited stations at Vaniyambadi, Barugur, Krishnagiri, and many other places, the names of which I can't remember. At Krishnagiri one had the feeling of treading on hallowed ground. It was here that our work had its beginning in India fifty years ago. In Vaniyambadi we spent a little time looking around in our Indian Publishing House. This is no C. P. H. yet, but quite an establishment at that. The only non-American — notice I did not say un-American — thing about the whole trip was the "tea" served in the late afternoon at the Naumann Bungalow in Barugur. Yes, they have "tea" in the afternoon in India; awful, isn't it? But, really, I enjoyed it a lot, especially after working so hard watching those two missionaries fix that flat. There were cakes, a salad or two, and a lot of other things that I don't know the names of, and, of course, there was the tea. Most of the men sat around on the floor and ate with their fingers off leaf plates. But there was one table with plates, cups, saucers, and silverware; naturally I ate there. I have an idea the good Mrs. Naumann set that table to keep me from being embarrassed.

Missionaries and Indian Pastors Attending Conference at Ambur, S. India

These Indians are clever people in a lot of ways. Take their clothes, for example. One long piece of cloth yields a full suit for summer and winter, rain or shine, and there is even enough cloth left to make a pad for the top of the head, should they have a heavy load to carry in that way — and they can do it without holding on, in perfect balance. They simply wrap this cloth around themselves to suit the weather and season, and pile it up on their heads to accommodate whatever size of load they are carrying. At night that piece of cloth is long enough to make the necessary nightdress, a cover, and a pillow. Handy, isn't it? Much handier than all the shoes, socks, trousers, shirts, dresses, collars, ties, and hats, to say nothing of from two to a dozen different pieces of underwear that we use in the States.

On Sunday I had an opportunity to attend several of our churches in and near Ambur. What a thrill to hear our Lutheran morning worship complete, with the same melodies as in the States. And were the people — men, women, and children — ever attentive! In these churches they have a few benches and chairs, but most of the people sit on mats on the floor. In the church at Ambur they had a Communion service with preparatory service, a sermon of over an hour, and full liturgy. The whole service lasted about two and a half hours, and *no one* left before the final silent prayer. Couldn't help wondering how many of us would enjoy sitting through a long service like that.

None of us should ever feel that our work here is not worth while. All the missionaries, both white and Indian, are working hard, and God is blessing their efforts abundantly. Why, what with congregations, preaching stations, primary, middle, and high schools, seminaries, hospital, publishing house, and a lot of other activities we have a Church in India as busy as the proverbial bees, a Church of which we can be justly proud, and a Church which ought never lack our support in funds and prayers. But, at that, we have only begun to scratch the surface. May God speed the day when our Church will be represented in all parts of densely populated India.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM A. WENGER
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"In All Places"

The choir herewith pictured is composed of men and officers of the Special Troops of the 96th Infantry Division, at present stationed on Mindoro in the

Philippines. This choir was first organized while the Division was stationed on Leyte. During the Okinawa Campaign the choir performed faithfully every Sunday morning, often to the accompaniment of terrific artillery gunfire. Upon the Division's arrival on Mindoro a reorganization of the choir became necessary, resulting in the present group of 16 voices, the accompanist, and the director.

The choir is very fortunate in having as its director Lt. Col. Clarence T. De Haven, the Headquarters Commandant of the Special Troops. Lt. Col. De Haven is a musician of high rank. He has studied voice under some of America's best teachers, he has been a member of the Baltimore Civic Opera and has himself produced a number of operettas. He began singing in church choirs at the age of 13. This rich musical experience is now being enjoyed by the choir and the congregation alike.

It might be of interest to draw attention to the purposes which this choir serves. For the group itself there is provided a pleasant employment of leisure time. This is particularly the case now that the Division is in rest, waiting for assignment in this new era of peace. A further purpose is that this organization in the military serves as a link bridging the time when these men left their home churches until they return to these same home churches. Most of the group shared in the ministry of music in their home churches. Because they were given the opportunity to continue in this work while in the Army, they will not have forgotten the importance of this phase of the Church's work and will be more inclined to resume their places in their home choirs upon return to the States. Last, but not least, the choir serves as a stimulus for better church attendance. The superb singing of the hymns of the Church in traditional arrangements and new arrangements by members of the Division Band have proved to be a strong invitation drawing the men of the Command to the worship services.

In the accompanying picture the horizon marks the shores of the Sulu Sea. The Preface of the Holy Communion is intoned with the words: "It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord." The phrase "in all places" has a special significance for us over here — a fulfillment of the faith which declares that our God accompanies us everywhere, a fulfillment that can be achieved only in the lives of those who travel far from home. In return for this realized blessing we reverently lift our voices in praise and adoration as we tarry on this isle in the uttermost parts of the sea.

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Choir at Mindoro in the Philippines

Three Months with POW

After being associated with the Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War for the past three months, taking care of the Chicago Office for three weeks, and spending the other nine in camps and prison camps, the pastor is happy to be back in the midst of his own congregation, in his own pulpit, in his own home, at his own table.

While visiting the camps in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, and Colorado, we usually slept and ate in the officers' quarters and mess hall.

The experiences in this work, however, were rich and unforgettable.

Unforgettable — the honest expressions of thanks and appreciation on the part of the members of the Commission, the presidents of the three Lutheran bodies in the United States, so that one felt that every effort was worth while and will redound, under God, for good.

Unforgettable — the contact with the many commanding officers and Government officials, majors, lieutenant colonels, colonels, and one major general; their courteous reception and their appreciation of our work among their prisoners.

Unforgettable — above all else, the actual experiences in the prison compounds, being fully convinced that National Socialism (Nazism) was a terrible, a horrible philosophy and that we can thank God that this evil is being rooted out of the hearts of men; then also being convinced that many, many true believers did not bow their knee to this modern Baal, but protested even though it meant the concentration camp and probable death, death for themselves and their families, that many remained true to their Christian faith.

Unforgettable — those awful evidences of the cruelty of war, the sight of our own boys maimed and marred and scarred, and brave but sad at the large General Hospital at McCloskey, Tex.; and the scars on pastors as well as laymen in the prison camps, so that we hope and pray as never before that there may be an end to this inhuman and stupid way of settling our international problems and finally learn that the Savior's way is the better way, the only way, the humane way as well as the divine way. — But then, what we saw was only the result under clean and kind and sympathetic conditions, clean beds, thoughtful nurses, wholesome foods, the best medical attention. I wonder what those boys must think who were lying on the field of mud and blood and waiting, waiting for the darkness to fall and for help to come to take them to the First Aid station! — How often we thought — it would be good if everybody, the leaders of peoples, too, could visit with me and see. I believe many would agree with General Sherman's estimate of war and Erich Remarque's as expressed in his *All Quiet on the Western Front.* But then, Sherman spoke 80 years ago and Remarque after the First World War. Evidently their opinions did not convert nations. Now we wonder whether people will be different after seeing the blood and sweat and tears of this war. — God, help us humans to learn the meaning of what the Savior came to teach us and help us to DO!

Cullman, Ala. HENRY MEYER

With Doctors Behnken and Meyer in Europe

After waiting two hours at the London airport for the weather to clear, we take off. We are flying at ten thousand feet over the English Channel. The rough waters show only their white ribbons of what are angry churning waters. Soon we are over the coast of France, and in another half hour the Eiffel Tower peeks through rifts in the clouds. After flying only one and a half hours, we land at Orby Field, where Chaplain Schoech is stationed in the outskirts of Paris. A light lunch, and soon we're up again on the way to Frankfurt am Main. Through the clouds below we see large and small villages. Some are untouched by the ravages of war, some almost totally destroyed. The motors drone on — the Maginot Line, Luxemburg, the Mosel — then we are over the Rhine. A dense mist is coming on. The pilot finds a hole in the clouds, and in a few minutes we're landed at Hanau, about 20 miles from Frankfurt.

Frankfurt in Ruins

London was blitzed, but that's all miniature compared with the destruction here in Frankfurt: block upon block of ruins and rubble. A heavy fog blanketing the city presses down to earth, the dank odor

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of death and decay rising out of mounds of brick, mortar, and twisted steel. The streets are pretty well cleared of debris. Tram cars are running; water has been restored; electric light is available in some sections. Life goes on somehow or other. People must live. Food is difficult to get. The one thought uppermost in the mind of everyone is to get enough to eat. Not far away is a camp of orphans — no schools have been opened — the children run wild — so many, many children of every description — no place to go — no supervision. "Why don't the churches do something for them?" In this city 22 churches were completely destroyed in one night. Five hundred church buildings were destroyed in this area within a circumference of about 100 miles. Here in Frankfurt there's one church that can be used if our chaplain succeeds in getting some material to cover the roof. But there'll be no windows and, of course, no heat. The streets are crowded with hundreds and thousands of refugees, fleeing from the east.

Thousands of Homeless

Our hotel is right opposite what was once the biggest railroad station in Germany. Last night I didn't sleep so well — the 4,000 to 6,000 homeless, helpless, hungry men, women, and children trying to find a shelter from the cold, driving rain among the mostly roofless ruins of the *Bahnhof* haunted me. Today the German pastors pleaded with the American Army officials to permit the gathering of the leftovers from the Army tables for distribution among the children. Bishop Dibelius from Berlin was here the other day and slept in a home without a roof. Dr. Karl Barth was his roommate. No blankets, no linens are available. The hospitals are using newspapers for bandages.

Starvation and Cold

I could go on and on. I know these people were our enemies. They helped to make war. But now they are down and out. They need shoes, clothing, food, medicines. We must help them. Our ships must be used to bring our boys home. But God help us if we let millions freeze and starve to death in Europe this winter because of our inability to provide shipping space for needed supplies. Army officials tell us that eight to ten millions face death by starvation in Europe this winter. What can we do? First of all, pray that the Lord will perform some miracles. A miracle must take place in our hearts. They must be opened wide. We must give and give. Pray that our Government will provide shipping space for materials which we can gather.

There's hope in this hopelessness. The meeting this morning with the German Lutheran pastors was encouraging. They were saying, "We're rich in our poverty — rich in God's grace. God is calling our people back to Him. We must get down on our knees and ask God to forgive us for being so remiss." Such expressions lead us to believe there is a definite movement back to God in Germany.

The Christians of Germany have suffered much persecution during the past years. Now that they have been freed, they need Bibles, catechisms, hymnals — material for Sunday schools and Bible classes. Here in Frankfurt the pastors have to dictate Bible passages to their children in confirmation classes because of lack of Bibles and catechisms.

Tomorrow we shall meet with Bishop Wurm in Stuttgart, Friday with Bishop Meiser in Munich. Enroute, a stopover at Augsburg. Next week we meet with some of the Freikirche brethren near Hannover. Then on to Berlin.

Interview with General Eisenhower

We had a long interview with General Eisenhower — a man's man. After we had briefly told him of our mission in Germany and Europe, the general expressed himself, saying, he hoped that men would rid themselves of greedy and selfish motives in the rebuilding of Europe. Materialism dare not be the motivation for interest in the reconstruction of nations. Our sense of values must undergo a revision. We need a revival in the hearts of men which will teach them to put values where they belong. We must begin to pin medals on those who work in the slums and on the missionaries who go to China. Unless we go at the rebuilding of Europe in that spirit, it is hopeless.

These lines are not a quotation from the general. He stated the thoughts in more forceful and beautifully chosen words. They rang with conviction and sincerity. As we bade good-by after a twenty-minute interview, which we had expected to last about five minutes, we felt that we had met a man whom anyone would be proud to own as a great leader and lover of mankind. His promise of help wherever we need it for our work here in Germany helps more than we can tell.

L. MEYER
Frankfurt, Germany

First Missionary Returns to China Field

According to a letter just received from Missionary Herbert A. Hinz, who is stationed at Wanhsien in China, on Sept. 10 Missionary Kurt E. Voss, whose home is in Saginaw, Mich., and our Chinese pastor Wei T'ien Nien left Wanhsien, Szechwan, to take special passage on the Chinese-government-chartered steamer *Hua Yüan* for Ichang and then for Hankow, to reorganize the missionary work of our Church in that field. Another Chinese pastor, Wei I Yün, has gone down from Patung and will join the other two men.

This area was under Japanese occupation for a number of years. At Hankow our China Mission had received its initial effort, through the sainted E. L. Arndt, in 1913. Our last missionaries left that field in the early summer of 1942 — Pastors Klein, Thode, and Zimmermann, all of whom were willing to stay on as long as at all possible in the face of all kinds of dangers and indiginities. They left only because they were forced to go, and all of them, together with Missionary Lawrence Buuck and family and the family of Missionary A. H. Ziegler, were then repatriated on the *Gripsholm* in August of 1942. During these three years or more our Chinese Christians who were left there carried on as best they could. Lay Christian Mr. Ts'ai Paolo conducted services of worship at Ichang throughout the occupation. Pastor Wei Chang Yung continued the work at Shasi. Other Chinese pastors and teachers remained at their stations, but have not been heard from for two years or more. Captain Chester Strobl (Brooklyn) and Lieutenant Louis W. Wurl (New York and Iowa), both members of our Church, assisted Missionary Voss in getting this opportunity, and their presence at a strategic time helped a great deal. Missionary Hinz adds that at one delicate point in the negotiations one of the characteristic and disarming grins of Missionary Voss took care of a little formality that might have kept him off the boat.

We are now anxiously waiting for a report on what these brethren have found upon their return to the Hankow area. We wonder in what shape they have found our properties and to what extent they may have been able to re-establish our work. Formerly we had half a dozen mission places in Hankow, and also the rather fine seminary building and dwellings for six missionaries on our compound.

Missionary A. H. Ziegler is now on his

Communion in Paris Lutheran Center
The Rev. H. Dierks, service pastor, is officiating
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way back to China, having sailed from an eastern port on Oct. 18. His return will do much to re-inforce our small band of missionaries. May God grant him a safe and speedy passage, and make him a blessing indeed in China. Together with Rev. Ziegler three new mission workers embarked for the Orient, for India, namely, the Rev. Armand Graf and the Rev. and Mrs. Theo. A. Michalk. Other missionaries are ready to leave for China and India as soon as all the necessary papers are in order and travel accommodations can be found, both returning missionaries and new workers. And in our Postgraduate Mission Department at Concordia Seminary there is a fine group of prospective missionaries busy with preparations for the part they are to assume in the great mission enterprise of the Church. O. H. SCHMIDT

Lutherans Under Russian Domination

The following statistics concerning Lutherans in the Russian sphere of influence may be of value. Figures are the latest available.

	Lutherans	% of the population
Russia (1927)	1,000,000	
**Estonia	870,000	78.32
**Latvia	1,055,167	57.00
**Lithuania	68,000	2.50
Czechoslovakia	553,927	3.93
**Danzig	223,378*	58.00
Poland	937,000	3.00
Hungary	492,695	6.25
Romania	405,668	2.00
Yugoslavia	250,000	1.50
Austria	248,000	3.70
**East Prussia	1,851,167*	82.04
**Pomerania	1,761,956*	93.78
**Silesia	2,293,256*	49.57
Brandenburg	2,363,027*	91.15
Thuringia	1,901.977*	92.00
Republic of Saxony	4,465,880*	89.25
Province of Saxony	2,901,977*	88.94
**Grenzmark	205,517*	61.81

Lutherans total 17,246.810 — more than three times the total number of Lutherans in all of America. N. L. C. N. S.

The Reformation

Reader, whoever thou art, of whatever rank or station, whether Christian or infidel — if thou art delighted with the extended commerce and growing prosperity of thy country — if a lover of literature — a votary of the arts and sciences — if proud of the civil liberty which thy country enjoys — but, above all, if thou hast the blessed hope of eternal life, through the redemption which Jesus Christ purchased for His people, and if thou rejoicest in the light of the Gospel, shed abroad, and the Scriptures disseminated among the people — then offer thanks to God for the REFORMATION — for LUTHER and MELANCHTHON! — *Life of Melanchthon,* Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, p. 199.

KARL A. KRIESEL

* Includes members of Prussian Church Union.

** Incorporated into Poland or Russia.

All Lutherans Co-ordinate Effort for Prisoners of War Service

The voting members of the Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War * are three of the National Lutheran Council (Doctors Krumbholz, Yochum, and G. H. Bechtold) and three of the Missouri Synod (Doctors Fritz, Dannenfeldt, and Lawrence Meyer). Pastor C. E. Wenngren, who has come here as a representative of the Ecumenical Council of Churches, is also a consultative member.

The Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War has been an effective instrument for the spiritual welfare of the prisoners of war. Civilian pastors have been sent into the prison camps to conduct church services and Bible classes and to give other lectures. The Commission has been able to appoint or recommend 175 pastors who have been preaching in 456 prison camps and hospitals, ministering to prisoners of war. In such a manner, we can rightly speak of 456 individual prisoners of war congregations, of which all who hear the Word and receive Holy Communion upon confession of their faith are considered members. We can safely say that the total membership of these prison congregations served by Lutheran pastors reaches 25,000.

Our Commission, through its representatives and central office at 77 W. Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill., has been in contact by correspondence or by way of personal conference with more than 200 imprisoned Evangelical Lutheran pastors. These clergymen have been encouraged to abide by the unerring truths of the Bible. Our theological books have been given to them as their own personal library. Thus our Lutheran theology has been the source of the thoughts they have been writing down in their sermons and preaching to their congregations in prison. We have the evidence that these pastors, who generally give excellent testimonies of their soundness in Christian faith and doctrine, are transmitting the Gospel of salvation to another 25,000 hearers.

Our Commission has provided nearly all the hymnbooks used in these prison camp services. Regularly the daily devotional booklets, our church papers in the German language, prayer books, and several hundred thousand other useful books have been placed for library use. Also, the hundreds of thousands of books received from our Lutheran Charities throughout the United States were all distributed in these prison camps and have been much read and daily appreciated.

The reader will be pleased to know that the Rev. J. M. T. Winther, for 40 years a Lutheran missionary in Japan, and also the Rev. George Shibata, a recent graduate of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, have been brought into the service of the Commission to preach to the Japanese war prisoners. Literature in the form of tracts and Lutheran catechisms, with hymns and prayers, also have been distributed among Italian war prisoners here and abroad, and 2,000 Polish catechisms were sent to Europe for interned Polish people.

The work of the Lutheran Commission extends to Europe. During the month of September alone, 45 base-camp chaplains in Germany, England, Holland, France, and Italy have received 75-pound packages of literature. And still they are clamoring for more.

The many letters and verbal expressions of many imprisoned pastors, theological students, and laymen as well as the testimony of our pastors serving in these camps and of our chaplains give ample evidence that the Holy Spirit quickens the hearts of these men and fills them with the peace of God which passeth all understanding. (News Release)

* This article was accompanied with a group photograph, a notable and historic picture, unfortunately so much out of focus as not to permit reproduction. The following appeared on the picture: the Rev. Henry Meyer (field secretary, Missouri Synod); the Rev. M. Piehler (treasurer); Dr. Ralph H. Long (*ex officio* member); Dr. J. W. Behnken (*ex officio* member); Dr. John H. C. Fritz; Dr. W. L. Scheding (field secretary, National Lutheran Council); Dr. Howard Hong (consultative member, War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A.); Dr. C. E. Krumbholz; Dr. Paul L. Dannenfeldt (secretary); Dr. Harold L. Yochum (chairman); the Rev. T. W. Strieter (director). — *Ed.*

"Lutheran Men in America"

Aware of the rising spiritual needs throughout the world, fifteen men of three large Lutheran bodies, on their own initiative, met in Pittsburgh, July 14 and 15, 1945, and after careful examination of the world situation of Lutheranism, established a movement known as Lutheran Men in America, in order to intensify co-operative efforts among Lutherans.

The preamble adopted by these 15 Lutheran men acknowledges the co-operative efforts made to date by Lutherans, and also emphasizes the urgent necessity of intensifying this co-operation. The aims, like the preamble, were accepted unanimously, and point the way to expanding Lutheranism that can give increasing vitality and direction to Christianity.

The movement of Lutheran Men in America can be understood better by reading the *Preamble* and *Aims.*

"We, the undersigned, as individuals, members of three great Lutheran bodies, conscious of our responsibilities and privileges as members of the universal priesthood of believers; being fully and gratefully aware of the substantial results already obtained in co-operative efforts among all Lutheran bodies, especially in our Lutheran Service Centers the world over; and believing sincerely that these times require the constant co-operative efforts of the best that Lutherans can offer to combat a secularized nation and world, do hereby establish a movement to be known as Lutheran Men in America.

"The aims of Lutheran Men in America are:

"1. To develop better understanding and fellowship among all Lutherans.

"2. To help meet the great challenge which has come to all Christendom as the result of the world crisis arising out of the war.

"3. To foster publicity looking toward a wider dissemination of the Christian philosophy of life.

"4. To encourage local fellowship and co-operation among all Lutherans.

"5. To encourage Christian education at all age levels.

"To accomplish the foregoing aims, we pledge our mutual co-operation, hearts,

minds, means, and invite all Lutheran men of like mind to subscribe to these aims and support this co-operative effort."

United Lutheran Church: Lawrence F. Speckman, S. F. Telleen, H. W. Ungerer, Robbin B. Wolf, William F. Zimmerman.

American Lutheran Conference: Elmer U. Berdahl, Einar G. Carlson, Dr. John A. Christenson, C. M. Loesell, Eldon A. Muir.

Missouri Synod: John W. Boehne, Jr., W. C. Dickmeyer, E. J. Gallmeyer, H. H. Hackstedde, Frederick C. Strodel.

"Dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., this fifteenth day of July, 1945."

(Press Release)

From a Pocket Notebook

One of the musical high spots of the year was the singing of the *Johannes Passion* of Heinrich Schuetz (in German) at St. Luke's Church, Chicago. A noted critic, Dr. Hans Rosenwald, who was present, gave the choir a fine write-up in his magazine *Music News*. . . . As an example of excellent printing, here are the *Trinity Parish Tidings*, published by Trinity Lutheran Church at Clifton, N. J. (Pastor Alfred E. Leja), 59 Madison Avenue. . . . Little notices like these have cost some of our churches dearly in postage stamps. Better include a dime when writing. . . . The janitor comes into his own at St. John's, Good Thunder, Minn. The Golden Anniversary Book shows a fine picture of him at work in the furnace room. . . . While they are arresting gamblers right and left in the metropolitan area, the lotteries of the Roman Catholic Church continue unchecked. Rev. E. H. Mueller of Brooklyn sends us a prize ticket of the Church of Ascension offering $5,400 in "awards." The blurb sheets omit the word "Catholic." . . . Holy Cross School of St. Louis is the latest to publish a school paper edited by the pupils. It bears the attractive name "The Sword and Shield." . . . These two proverbs balance each other: "Lies have short legs"—"Throw enough mud, and something will stick." Between the two it is well to have a good conscience. . . . "Pope Pius smiles at Luther" is the legend a reader suggests for a recent picture of Pope Pius XII greeting a group of U. S. Congressmen. He is looking up with a smile, straight at Representative Luther A. Johnson of Texas. . . . Religion strikes bottom in this advertisement in the Denver *Post* of Oct. 6: "FREE! FREE! STARTLING! Homecoming. REX, WONDER DOG, in person. The World's First Ordained Dog Minister Preaching a Sermon in Action. Prompted by Bishop St. Cornelius, Founder of Master Church of the Faith of Nature, Inc. Recently featured by Ripley's 'Believe It or Not.' Evan's Chapel of Grace Com. Church. Everybody Welcome." . . . Our chief regret for 1945 is our missing out on the fishing prospects at Travers City, Mich. The invitation of Pastor Grueber (1944) is still on file. Also the invitation of two pastors from the copper peninsula in Northern Michigan (1938). Also one from the Rev. W. F. Bruening of Washington, D. C., who has a twelve-room house. Just a reminder to these and many others that such invitations are not forgotten. . . . Hope Church in Chicago numbers 4,589 souls, 3,411 communicants, and has a Sunday school enrollment of 1,800. Pastor J. A. Leimer writes: "We may say that next to God's wonderful grace the phenomenal growth of our congregation is due to the personal mission work of the individual members of our church." . . . In southern California they have found a good title for the District official supervising missions and District financing. He is called Mission and Stewardship Counselor. Better than "Director" or "Executive Secretary." . . . From the Oregon Coast. (Note in the Oregon and Washington Supplement): "Most people never heard of Neskowin, Oreg., but you can find Lutheran services and instruction there. Pastor J. C. R. Schmidt of Tillamook comes down to this beautiful beach resort on the Oregon Coast every other week to conduct an afternoon service in the school. Every Sunday morning the Rev. A. Gahl and his charming wife conduct Bible class and Sunday school at the same place. Pastor Gahl served the Sheridan congregation until some 20 years ago, retired because of ill health, and now, together with his wife, operates a small cabin court. Quite a few Lutheran pastors and laymen are finding this an ideal vacation spot. That goes for us too! We were there." Well, who wouldn't want to be there? Cabin Court. Lutheran friends. Oregon Coast. G.

Frankenmuth, Mich., Centennial

St. Lorenz Congregation of Frankenmuth, Mich., is this year celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its coming to the Saginaw Valley. A series of services is being held throughout the year. The annual mission festival on Sunday, Aug. 26, took a very fitting place in this series. The speakers, Vice-President H. Harms of Davenport, Iowa, and Prof. J. H. C. Fritz of St. Louis, Mo., said that by continued and increased church activity the descendants of the Franconians should show their gratitude to God for the blessings which they have received. The mission festival, held in the church grove, was attended by 4,500 people. The collection amounted to about $3,000. In the evening Professor Fritz, by special request, gave some reminiscences of his boyhood days while he lived in Frankenmuth and also spoke of his trip to Australia. St. Lorenz Congregation has decided to consolidate its schools and is now considering either to add to its present building, which is comparatively new, or erect a new building on a new site. St. Lorenz Congregation was a charter member when our Synod was organized in Chicago in the year 1847. It today has over 600 voting and 1,800 communicant members, is served by two pastors (Pastor Martin E. Mayer and Pastor A. C. Klammer), and has eleven teachers in its parochial schools.

A beautiful memorial book, containing many pictures of historic value, has been published as a memorial of this centennial. J. H. C. F.

Central District Convention

Sessions of the sixty-sixth convention of the Central District were opened with divine services on Aug. 27 in Concordia Church, Fort Wayne, with a sermon by the Rev. G. Chr. Barth, First Vice-President of Synod. He also represented Dr. John W. Behnken and submitted the synodical report in the subsequent sessions, which continued to Aug. 30.

President Walter F. Lichtsinn in his presidential address spoke on the topic "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." The convention essay on "The Office of the Keys" was presented by the Rev. Curtis C. Stephan, student pastor at Indiana University.

The Rev. Henry Lieske preached the convention Communion sermon in historic St. Paul's Church. Specially appointed chaplains presided at the brief devotional exercises at the beginning of each session.

A mission budget of $70,000 was adopted for the ensuing year, so that 57 congregations and mission stations in the District can be served. The District's entire share of Synod's Peace Thankoffering was placed into the Church Extension Fund, making some $130,000 additional funds available for this phase of church work. The Treasurer's report revealed that his office is now taking care of about half a million dollars annually.

The President of the District was instructed to appoint a committee of three to act as a Public Relations Committee of the District. This committee will co-operate with the synodical Publicity Committee and public relations committee of other Districts.

Well-merited and grateful appreciation was shown to a number of men who have served the District very efficiently for many years, some of whom terminated their services this year. Special divine services of praise and thanksgiving were held at the opening of the last session for the Rev. Walter C. Birkner, who has served the Central District as director of missions since 1929 and as stewardship director since 1934. He also has served the Synod at large as a member of Synod's Student Service Commission and counselor of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. He has also counseled and given active assistance to Synod's Emergency Planning and Synod's Peace Thankoffering committees.

Resolutions of thanks were extended to the following for many years of faithful services in the District, some of whom are also known for their un-

selfish services for our Synod at large: the Rev. Martin Ilse, Sr., chairman of the District Church Extension Board for 25 years; the Rev. George Gotsch, chairman of the Committee on Constitutions for 20 years; the Rev. T. W. Strieter, Second Vice-President of the District for many years; Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand, financial secretary of the Board of Finance for more than 20 years; Mr. John C. Trier, Treasurer of the District for more than 20 years.

Officers re-elected were: the Rev. W. F. Lichtsinn, President; the Rev. J. H. Meyer, First Vice-President; the Rev. W. F. Docter, Secretary; the Rev. Walter Littmann, Assistant Secretary. Newly elected officers to fill vacancies were: the Rev. Martin Ilse, Jr., Second Vice-President; Waldemar Eickhoff, Financial Secretary; Herbert Sauerteig, Treasurer.

Fort Wayne, Ind. WALTER HERRLING

Iowa West District Convention

The sixth annual convention of the Iowa District West met at the Walther League Camp on Lake Okoboji, Milford, Iowa, Aug. 19 to 24. First Lutheran Church at Spencer was host to the convention. In the opening service on Sunday evening Vice-President H. Harms preached the sermon. The Rev. W. G. Schultz of Terril served as liturgist. Vice-President Harms, during the course of the convention, presented the various needs and enterprises of the church at large. The Rev. O. H. Schmidt, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions, reported on the work of our Synod in the Orient.

The convention essay, "The Decalog," was delivered by the Rev. R. Herrmann of Lidderdale, Iowa.

After serving as District President for nine years, the Rev. Ad. Schwidder of Fort Dodge declined re-election because of the fact that his congregation of 1,200 communicants demands all his time and energies. A new President, the Rev. H. Berner of Wall Lake, was therefore elected. Since he is only 35 years of age, he may well be the youngest District President in Synod. The Rev. Theo. Hoemann of Adair was re-elected First Vice-President, and the Rev. G. Lobeck of Council Bluffs Second Vice-President.

The sixth annual convention of the Iowa District West marked serveral important changes in the policies of the District. The convention inaugurated a more liberal policy in regard to Church Extension loans, which heretofore had been limited to $6,000, except in extraordinary cases. In line with this new policy, three loans ranging from $16,000 to $30,000 were granted. Assignment of the District's share of the Peace Thankoffering, approximately $60,000, to the Church Extension Fund made the change possible.

The District also voted to explore the field of institutional missions. A city and institutional missionary will be called for Sioux City, and the Board of Directors was authorized to call missionaries to serve the various institutions of the State if this is found feasible. A plan to create a board for institutional missions together with the Iowa District East was also taken under advisement.

The mission work of the District occupied a major portion of the convention's time. Iowa West subsidizes 30 mission stations. Five new congregations were admitted into membership. Because of the growth in the number of congregations in the District, the District was re-circuited into eleven circuits instead of nine as before. Iowa West has enjoyed a healthy growth during its brief existence as a District of Synod, and this convention laid the foundations for further and more diversified extension of the District's work.

Sac City, Iowa S. W. BECKER

Southern Illinois District Convention

The twenty-fourth regular convention of the Southern Illinois District was held at St. Paul's Church, Worden (New Gehlenbeck), Ill., on Oct. 23—25. Dr. Arthur Brunn delivered the convention sermon on 2 Thess. 3:1-2, urging all to pray for the free course of the Gospel in these perilous times.

In his opening address President C. Thos. Spitz pointed out that the Church is a business in which the welfare of the human soul is concerned. It is an enterprise in which all those who are truly members of the Christian Church are in partnership with God. The Church is the greatest institution on earth, and the world would be doomed but for the Church. We need the Church and the means of grace, and the Church needs our love, loyalty, and support.

Dr. L. W. Spitz of Concordia, Mo., read the doctrinal essay on "The Church."

Dr. Brunn made the work of Synod live before the eyes of an attentive convention. He spoke especially eloquently on Christian education. Reports were read by President Spitz, Pastor Th. Roschke, chairman of the District Board of Christian Education, Pastor E. H. Bohrer, chairman of the Mission Board, and by the chairmen of various other boards and committees. A higher scale for the salaries of the missionaries of the District was adopted. All reports showed a faithful performance of duty and reflected commendable progress.

In attendance at the convention were 172. Among these, 21 pastors and 9 teachers attended for the first time.

Officers elected were: Rev. E. H. Bohrer, President; Rev. Paul Juergensen, First Vice-President; Rev. H. C. Welp, Second Vice-President; Rev. E. W. Jahn, Secretary, and Mr. A. G. Koopman, Treasurer. A virtually new Board of Directors will manage the affairs of the District during the next triennium.

The Rev. C. Thos. Spitz, who served the Southern Illinois District as president for the past twelve years, was given a rising vote of thanks.

W. W. SOELDNER

Washington Letter

Federal civilian workers in Washington are badly off as to recreational facilities and social affairs. Much is done by the Government for the men and women in uniform. Civilian workers must look out for themselves. Many young women are living two, three, and four in a room, often with undesirable roommates. The houselady makes no provision for their social life. If you visit them, you must speak to them in the hallway. We urge these young people to make the Lutheran Service Center their home, where they can relax, write letters, meet friends, sing, play piano, and enjoy games, pool, ping pong, chess, checkers, etc. There is a free canteen in the evening and on Sundays also in the afternoon.

We Lutherans are more fortunate in our type of service centers than any other denomination. We are especially fortunate in our Washington center. It is a fine old mansion, massively built for a cabinet officer before the Civil War. President Theodore Roosevelt thought so highly of it that he chose to live in it for ten months while repairs were being made to the White House. The first floor has four large rooms which can be thrown into one; with its glorious crystal chandelier and fine woodwork it is very impressive. The Washington service center has a dignity and quietness all its own. The noise is in the game rooms and canteen in the basement. On the second floor back there is a large lounge with a piano, sunroom, and powder room for women.

Our Lutheran Action Committee, composed of representatives of our Missouri Synod Lutheran churches, a very active organization, ought to be mentioned in this connection. It represents the concern and the efforts of our churches in this vicinity in looking after our people who come to Washington and near-by Maryland and Virginia. It was instrumental in connection with the Emergency Planning Council and Miss Roettger's office in contacting all of our pastors by letter with a reply card. When it did not receive an answer from the first letter, a second was sent. The results have been far above the usual results. Twenty-three hundred pastors replied, sending 440 names, only 177 of these

having affiliated with our Washington churches. This, taking into account a changing mailing list, is good.

The center is still predominantly visited by men and women in uniform, especially men in uniform. The last Sunday of September the total attendance was 642. Of these 364 were men in uniform, 95 women in uniform, 22 veterans, 21 civilian men, and 140 civilian women. The total attendance for the month of September was 8,717, consisting of 6,733 service men and women, 294 veterans, and 1,964 civilians. The presence of these civilian women helps to give the center a homelike atmosphere. The men in uniform especially enjoy their presence. Most of them are young and attractive, many are blondes of Scandinavian and North German ancestry.

J. Frederic Wenchel

Students' Missionary Work in St. Louis

The field work program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, which encourages students as a part of their scholastic requirement to be active in practical church work, has resulted in a decided increase in the activity of the Students' Missionary Society, as shown by their report covering the period from Feb. 1 (the inauguration of the field work plan) to July 1, 1945.

The society reports that 63 men were active in various missions in and near St. Louis, and 95 brought spiritual comfort to souls in various institutions of the city — a total of 158 workers.

At 11 missions the students preached 254 sermons in this five-month period to a total attendance of 8,832 people. Sunday school attendance at the 11 missions totaled 10,484 pupils, over 400 every Sunday at services, and over 500 in Sunday schools. Of these 11 missions, three were begun during the five-month period, and the 11 include three colored missions, three settlement missions, and one Spanish mission.

Besides this mission activity, 95 men served in 11 St. Louis institutions. The records show that 12,473 contacts were made with individuals in these institutions, 5,690 calls were made at the City Sanitarium for people afflicted with mental diseases, 3,184 at Homer Phillips, colored hospital, and 1,048 at Koch T. B. Sanitarium. Our own Lutheran Hospital was the scene of 764 calls by our students.

This great program of Christian service represents an invaluable mission contribution by our budding pastors and an opportunity for them to gain and cultivate skills in pastoral and mission work which will carry over into their work wherever they are called.

With the beginning of the fall term of the Seminary the field work program is being carried on with renewed zeal and direction. These same institutions and missions will be served again, and new missions and institutions will be added to the list.

T. W. Schroeder

Donation Day at Springfield

The ninth annual Donation Day at our seminary at Springfield was held on Oct. 17. About 700 plates were served at the luncheon, and more than this number of guests and friends were on the campus during the course of the day.

The variety program given by the students was in charge of Mr. H. Tornow, president of the student body. Dr. R. C. Neitzel, acting president of the school, spoke on behalf of the seminary, Mrs. E. Lauterbach, chairman of the Seminary Guild, explained the purpose and project of the Guild, and the undersigned made the usual announcements of the day.

The project of the Seminary Guild, under whose auspices Donation Day is conducted, is the purchase of new tables and chairs for the college dining hall in commemoration of the seminary's centennial next year. All cash donations, unless otherwise designated, were applied to this project.

The gifts of the day were very bountiful. About 3,000 quarts of canned vegetables and fruits, 550 lbs. of pears, 121 dozens of eggs, 1½ tons of potatoes, and many other articles, too numerous to mention, were received. The table collection was in excess of $485; the total cash receipts for the day were more than $1,125. The seminary truck is still hauling donations from congregations which could not be brought on Donation Day, and cash for the Guild project is still being mailed to the office.

We thank the Lord for the beautiful weather on Oct. 17 and for the generous outpouring of gifts on the part of our seminary friends.

Walter A. Baepler

Letters from Readers

"AND THE LUTHERANS"

Lately I have had several visits by an educated German, in this country since 1938, who kept on referring to Catholics, Methodists, Missouri, "and the Lutherans." By Lutherans he means the ULC and the ALC. I seemed not to be able to get him to understand that Missouri is a Lutheran Church. He has now read the last chapters of Krauss' *Lebensbilder*, and the *Life of Dr. G. Stoeckhardt*, but he still keeps on speaking of Missouri AND the Lutherans. Worse luck, since he is Lutheran by training and conviction. I am beginning to wonder whether the name "Missouri" has anything to do with it. It is a well-known fact that in the announcements of church services in Germany, Missouri and its allies was regularly listed under "sects." It is anybody's guess in how many thousands of German minds this has become fixed and in how many of these there is a conviction that Missouri and Lutheran are two completely unmixable persuasions. The thought may not be new to you, but I'll pass it on just the same.

Albert Lehenbauer

Buenos Aires, Oct. 27, 1945

MORE PROVOCATION

Recently while I was reading *The Christian Century* for Oct. 10, 1945, I happened on the following. On page 1164, in the back review section, there appeared a review of G. R. Elliott's *Church, College, and Nation*. Mr. Elliott calls the Protestant Reformation "the great catastrophe of the sixteenth century."

This bit of smearing of Luther leads one to wish that our Church had an office that would answer such attacks on Luther, the Reformation, and the Lutheran Church.

Stockton, Calif. Fred W. Hess

UNSIGNED LETTERS

An Editorial Note

Readers addressing the editorial staff with letters intended for this department should always affix their signature and address. We occasionally receive letters which are well written and contain fine sentiments but which cannot be used because they bear no signature. We understand that it is often modesty which prevents a person from signing his or her name. If requested, the names of correspondents will not be printed when their letter is published. But in all cases the editors must know the identity of the writers.

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. August Rueber (d. Sept. 18, 1945), born Aug. 20, 1875, in Wuerttemberg, Germany, son of John and Christina Rueber, emigrated with his family to Albany, Wis., in 1883 and two years later moved to Maynard, Iowa, where they became affiliated with the Missouri Synod. The deceased graduated from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in 1903 and was installed at Caro, Mich., where he married Miss Emma Rohr on May 18, 1904. From 1904 to 1912 he served at Fairbank, from 1912 to 1922 near Battle Creek, and from May, 1922, to Aug., 1945, at St. Matthew's, Mapleton, Iowa. He resigned on Sept. 2 and intended to preach his farewell sermon on Oct. 14. Funeral services were held in St. Matthew's Church at Mapleton. The Rev. Henry Kettler, a classmate and long-time friend, preached the sermon on 2 Tim. 4:7-8. The Revs. W. P. Schroeder, Hugo Nieting, and C. W. Schmidt officiated in the home and the church and at the grave, while Pres. H. Berner spoke on behalf of the Iowa District West. The deceased is survived by his widow, one daughter, seven sons (one of them in the ministry and four in the United States Navy), and twelve grandchildren.

Arthur Rueber

The Rev. Henry R. Klemp (d. Sept. 29, 1945), born July 18, 1875, at Fremont, Wis., son of staunch Lutheran pioneers from Pomerania, Germany, studied for the holy ministry at Milwaukee and St. Louis. After his graduation in 1898 he served Trinity Church at Raymond, Minn., for 24 years and established mission congregations at Clara City, Kerkhoven, and Willmar. Under his leadership Trinity at Raymond erected a church and a school, which he taught during his entire ministry there.

In 1922 he accepted a call to St. John's Church, Osseo, Minn., where a parish school was built in 1924 and the present beautiful church was erected in 1928. He also served as Visitor of the circuits in which he resided. In the fall of 1939 he resigned because of ill health and moved to Minneapolis.

On Sept. 7, 1899, he married Miss Marie Freese, who with two sons, the Revs. Eugene and Arthur Klemp, five daughters, and twelve grandchildren, mourns his death.

Services were conducted in the house by the Rev. O. G. Schupmann. At Saint John's Church of Osseo, the Rev. H. J. Bouman, his colleague and friend of many years, preached the sermon. The undersigned, present pastor of St. John's, officiated at the altar and at the cemetery.

ERWIN E. SCHROEDER

The Rev. William Doeling (d. Oct. 7, 1945) was born in Sheldon, N. Dak., Jan. 23, 1910. He studied at St. Paul and graduated from St. Louis in 1935. He first served a mission parish centering in Reid Hill, Alberta, and was then called to Trinity Congregation at Duncan, B. C., as our Church's first resident pastor on Vancouver Island. In 1941 his parish was divided, and he established his headquarters at the capital of British Columbia, Victoria. In April, 1945, he was taken ill and never fully recovered. At the funeral service on Oct. 12 the undersigned preached the sermon on John 12:26 in the presence of the pastors of the Vancouver Circuit. Mourning his departure are his widow and an infant daughter, his aged mother, and many others. His body is resting in Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria.

W. C. EIFERT

The Rev. Gustav Groenow, pastor emeritus (d. Oct. 8, 1945), was born Dec. 5, 1866, at Koenigsfelde, confirmed in 1880 at Ziegenort, and studied at Ploetzensee, near Berlin, Germany. God-fearing teachers prevailed upon him to study for the ministry. This he did at Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1896. He served the congregations at Imogene, Hastings, Mallard, Iowa, and Bonfield, Ill. He retired in 1923 and settled with his family at Orange, Calif.

On Sept. 15, 1906, he married Miss Anna Schulz of Stettin, Germany. The Rev. Herman Amling of Berlin officiated at the marriage. Left to mourn his death are his widow, one son, one daughter, one granddaughter, and other relatives.

The funeral took place on Oct. 10 at St. John's Church of Orange, Calif. The undersigned preached on Heb. 4:9. The Rev. A. C. Bode read the obituary and officiated at the altar. The Rev. Armand Mueller spoke words of comfort to the family as the representative of the District President. Brethren in the ministry served as pallbearers. Burial took place in the congregation's cemetery.

W. C. GESCH

Otto Wegner, teacher em. (d. October 4, 1945), was born in Chicago, Nov. 11, 1878, confirmed by the Rev. H. Succop, attended our Normal School at Addison, graduating in 1898. For the next 35 years he served congregations in and around Chicago as teacher, after which he retired on account of failing health. His departure is mourned by his wife, Mathilda, nee Palinske, five children, and nine grandchildren. Burial services were held on Oct. 6 at Jehovah Ev. Lutheran Church, the undersigned preaching the sermon and reading the committal in Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill.

ARTHUR W. LUSSKY

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Marching Side by Side. Stories from Lutheran Chaplains on the Far-flung Battlefronts. Compiled by Frederick C. Proehl. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 228 pages. $2.00.

It was a very happy thought that moved Pastor F. C. Proehl to compile these testimonies, experiences, and narratives of our chaplains and have our Publishing House publish them in this book. As far as I know, we have never had anything like it. In order to aid the reader to assume the right attitude toward the activities of our chaplains, the full report of the committee of our Church which studied this whole matter, together with the resolutions of Synod, cover some of its first pages. That shows that our chaplains may carry on their wonderful work with a good conscience as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. And then there follow the reports of the different chaplains: the description of their services, in the open air, in a barn, in a house, in a church; their private consultation by members of the armed forces, officers and privates; their work in the hospitals among the wounded and dying; and their work in the operating room, where the medics (physicians) are so glad to have the chaplain encourage and comfort those upon whom they must operate; the interviews of soldiers, marines, and fliers who are troubled in conscience or whom sudden fear threatens to unnerve; aye, and the work among the unruly, the vicious, the prisoners — what wonderful work is done! What wonderful work has been done and is being done by our chaplains! The entire volume is richly illustrated. Most of these pictures are reproductions of excellent photographs taken by the chaplains or their assistants. It is difficult for us to refrain from quoting; but where should we begin and where should we end? It is impossible to make a choice. All we can do is to advise our readers: By all means, get this book! Be sure and have the young people read it. Even the children will delight to read of the chaplain's experience with the German children in Germany singing the German Christmas songs and learning some of the English Christmas hymns. The book will prove a valuable Christmas present. It is a fine gift to give to anyone who would become acquainted with the work of our Church. We hope that a new edition will soon be necessary and that it will contain additional material and a good alphabetical index. S.

I Will Fear No Evil. Daily Devotions No. 64. October 8 to November 22, 1945. By Rev. H. W. Gockel. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 49 pages. 5 cents each, postpaid; 48 cents per dozen, postage extra; $3.00 per hundred, postage extra.

Christus Jesus, unser ein und alles. By Arth. E. Michel. Same prices.

The English booklet portrays the Savior as the Good Shepherd and points out the salient fruits which He produces in the members of His flock. The German booklet speaks of the Savior in the loving terms of a true disciple. The beautiful German hymns and poetry which express the devotion and love for the Redeemer are appropriately quoted and utilized. S.

Treasures of Hope. By Alfred Doerffler. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

Because this book is to serve those who are somewhat advanced in years, it is printed in large, clear type. Its pages supply devotions for every morning and every evening of four weeks. Each devotion consists of an appropriate selection of Holy Writ, followed by a prayer and a hymn. All this is followed by prayers and hymns for special occasions: before and after receiving Holy Communion, in times of sickness, facing an operation, and thanksgiving after deliverance. We know of no book of devotion in the English language more appropriate for its purpose — to serve "the Christian pilgrim who has passed the noonday of life." S.

Luther's Commentary on Galatians. A New Abridged Translation by Theodore Graebner. 265 pages, 5×7½. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. $2.50.

This second edition of our abridged *Luther on Galatians* has been set up from new type and has been printed on paper of excellent quality. It is rather an amazing thing, and an encouraging one, to know that in areas mostly outside the Lutheran Church there is a steady demand for one of the fundamental texts of Protestantism, *Luther's Commentary on Galatians.* G.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

No. 27563. A Nuptial Benediction. Words and music by Percy Wicker MacDonald. Theodore Presser Co., Philadelphia. 40 cents.

Here we have a solo for medium voice in range that will suit almost any soloist, from D above middle C to the E flat in the octave above. The melody is simple and easy, like a carol. The organ accompaniment varies for each of the three stanzas. Altogether a very satisfactory and worth-while solo for the wedding ceremony.

Masterpieces of Organ Music. Folio No. 24. Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie, Two Toccatas, and a Fugue by Girolamo Frescobaldi. $1.50.

If Joh. Seb. Bach in 1714 could go to the trouble to copy in his own hand Frescobaldi's "Fiori Musicali," his greatest opus, and write a *canzone* and an *alla breve* after the model of Frescobaldi, then his music ought to be considered worth while to be studied by the present-day organists.

Masterpieces of Organ Music. Folio No. 25. Sonatas by C. Ritter, G. B. Bassani, and D. Zipoli. $1.50.

These three sonatas of the early masters represent variegated models of the sonata in its early stages of development and are excellent and interesting examples.

Masterpieces of Organ Music. Folio No. 26. By Joh. Heinrich Buttstett. $1.50.

Buttstett was a pupil of Joh. Pachelbel and became his successor at the Erfurt Cathedral. The fine contrapuntal preludes are based on the following five chorals: "Christ lag in Todesbanden"; "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"; "Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich"; "Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern"; "Gottes Sohn ist kommen."

Jesus Christ Is Risen. By Ralph E. Marryott. Carol anthem for mixed voices with soprano solo or junior choir. Very good and interesting; not difficult. 18 cents.

On Palm Sunday. By W. A. Goldsworthy. Chorus for junior and senior choirs combined. Done in the best Goldsworthy manner. 20 cents.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Commissioned:

Wilbert Hoeltje as missionary to China in Immanuel Church, Elmhurst, Ill., by O. H. Schmidt, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Paul C. Kreyling as missionary to India in Redeemer Church, Fords, N. J., by Arthur L. Kreyling, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

Ordained and Installed:

Charles Cline in Bethlehem Congregation, Oakland, Calif., by Pres. Arthur Brohm, Oculi Sun., Mar. 4.

Edwin Breiholz in St. John's Congregation, Wellman, Iowa, by E. H. Grummer, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Carl Trosien in Trinity Congregation, near Enid, Okla., by G. A. Chatt, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Arnold Wagner in Redeemer Congregation, Golconda, Ill., by F. Kauth, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21, and in Redeemer Congregation, Harrisburg, Ill., by R. Rist, 22. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 28.

PASTORS

Installed:

Arvin Twietmeyer in Immanuel Congregation, Kingsbury, Ind., by Howard Behrens, Exaudi Sun., May 10.

Werner Kuntz as Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Service Federation, in Detroit, Mich., by P. J. Gold, Pentecost, May 20.

E. J. Stelling in Trinity Congregation, Coon Rapids, Iowa, by A. O. Bleeke, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Harold Witte in St. Peter's Church, Edmonton, Alta., Can., as professor in Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., Can., by Pres. W. C. Eifert, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Cleo Kautsch in First Congregation, Plattsmouth, Nebr., by H. G. Cattau, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

C. A. Rathjen in Trinity Congregation, Sheldon, Wis., by E. M. Kuerschner and in Zion Congregation, Gilman, Wis., by F. H. Sprengler, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

E. N. Schulte in Gethsemane Congregation, Brooklands, Mich., by L. Heinecke, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Le Roy R. Koepke in St. John's Congregation, Pittsville, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Sherwood Corners, Wis., by G. M. Krueger, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

L. Thaemert in Grace Congregation, Marble, and in Mount Olive Congregation, Bovey, Minn., by T. A. Raedeke, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Frederick Boecher in Immanuel Congregation, Gowanda, N. Y., by Daniel J. Knueppel, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

E. A. Eggers in St. Paul's Congregation, Bremen, Ind., by Adolf Schlifke, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Walter H. Ellwanger in Trinity Church, Selma, Ala., as Superintendent of Negro Missions by H. E. Wallner, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

J. Esslinger in Bethlehem Congregation, near Fort Wayne, Ind., by Walter Klausing, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Walter J. Geffert in Calvary Congregation, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., by E. L. Woldt, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Alfred Hinz in St. Paul's Congregation, Bridgeport, Nebr., by George Weber, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Arthur Irmer in Redeemer Congregation, Ontario, Calif., by Richard G. Deffner, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

H. E. Proehl as professor in Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., by Pres. H. J. Rippe, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

E. L. Wittenburg in St. Paul's Congregation, Lacona, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21, and in St. John's Congregation, Melcher, Iowa, by Theo. J. Eickelberg, 22. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 28.

C. R. Zehnder in Trinity Congregation, Winfield, Kans., by A. E. Kunzmann, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 21.

Commissioned:

Raymond S. Moelter in St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., as missionary in Ridley, Pa. (Leedom Estates), by M. A. Berner, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Ralph Plautz in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., as missionary in Pittsburgh, Pa., by A. F. Brunn, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

W. E. Motzkus in St. Paul's Church, Stevens Point, Wis., as missionary at large in North Wisconsin District by W. F. Ludwig, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

H. Engelken as missionary at large in the Atlantic District by L. Henze, 22. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 28.

TEACHERS

A. H. Peters in Zion Congregation, Chebanse, Ill., by W. Winter, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 8.

Cand. Howard Bickel in Grace Congregation, Hayward, Calif., by John E. Marozik, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

Cand. Milton Schmidt in St. Mark's Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by W. Roth, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Werner Wichmann in Zion Congregation, Matteson, Ill., by Herman Meyer, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Vernon G. Doering in St. John's Congregation, Houston, Tex., by Louis Pabor, Sept. 1.

Lewis Klitzke in St. Paul's Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by Paul F. Miller, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Waldemar T. Graf as instructor in the Bronx Christian Day School, Bronx, N. Y., by Louis T. Buchheimer, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

O. W. Forbes in St. Matthew's Congregation, New York, N. Y., by A. Wismar, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.

Delbert F. Pranschke in Trinity Congregation, Mount Rainier, Md., by Edwin E. Pieplow, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

August Scheer in Immanuel Congregation, Alpena, Mich., by F. W. Heumann, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

E. F. Hollmann in Holy Cross Congregation, Emma, Mo., by H. C. Harting, 22. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 28.

Dedications

Dedicated to the Glory of God

Sarnia, Ont., Can. (G. W. Hoyer). The new Chapel of Redeemer Congregation, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

Santa Maria, Calif. (Arthur Radtke). The new school and hall of Grace Congregation, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Inglewood, Calif. (E. W. Dierker). The new school of Good Shepherd Congregation, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Norman, Okla. (E. P. Frank). The Service, Student, and Parish Center of Trinity Congregation, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Anniversaries

The Following Congregations Celebrated Anniversaries

Chicago, Ill., Trinity Congregation (R. J. Krueger), the 50th, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

Corvallis, Oreg., Zion Congregation (A. A. Hartenberger), the 40th, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 7.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Emmanuel Congregation (Walter H. Bouman), the 100th, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Newark, N. J., St. Matthew's Congregation (John R. Weber), the 45th, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

New Berlin, Ill., St. John's Congregation (K. H. Hein), the 75th, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Pomona, Calif., St. Paul's Congregation (L. E. Faasch), the 25th, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Herron, Mich., St. Paul's Congregation (Richard Noffze), the 51st, Sept. 23.

Cornerstone Laying

Miami, Okla. (E. L. Coyner). Mount Olive Congregation, 20. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 14.

Election Results

Pastor Alvin Wagner of River Forest having declined the call as president of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., *Rev. G. Chr. Barth* of Cincinnati, Ohio, was called. — AUG. E. BRAUER.

Professor A. H. Schwermann, President of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., Can., was elected to the presidency of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind. — PAUL L. DANNENFELDT, *Secretary*, Electoral College for Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Candidates Nominated by Congregations

Additional for the Presidency and Fourth Professorship at Concordia Academy, Portland, Oregon

Prof. W. H. Beck, Ed. D., Fremont, Nebr.: St. John's, McMinnville, Oreg.

Prof. George Beto, B. A., M. A., Austin, Tex.: Mt. Olive, Shelton, Wash.

Rev. H. J. A. Bouman, Decatur, Ind.: Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; St. John's, Howard, S. Dak.

Rev. Thomas Coates, Chicago, Ill.: Holy Cross, Davenport, Iowa; St. Paul's, Selma, Calif.; Immanuel, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Rev. John T. Domsch, Oakland, Iowa: St. Paul's, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Rev. Theo. Dorpat, Grand Forks, N. Dak.: Grace, Eugene, Oreg.

Rev. A. L. Ellwein, Wagner, S. Dak.: Calvary, Vancouver, Wash.

Rev. Wm. Hillmer, Portland, Oreg.: St. Paul's, Roseburg, Oreg.

Rev. Paul G. Stephan, Pueblo, Colo.: Memorial Lutheran, Bremerton, Wash.

Rev. W. A. Schroeder, Tacoma, Wash.: Immanuel, Puyallup, Wash.

Rev. Martin Seltz, Waseca, Minn.: Zion, Lamona, Wash.; St. John's, Portland, Oreg.

Rev. Lorenz F. Weber, Saginaw, Mich.: Calvary, Aberdeen, Wash.

All information regarding these candidates should by the end of December be in the hands of E. EICHMANN, *Secretary, Board of Control*, 3728 N. Commercial Ave., Portland 12, Oreg.

For the Chair of the Third Professorship at Villa Ballester, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Rev. J. Fehlauer, Buenos Aires: La Llave, Entre Rios, Argentina.

Rev. H. Jauck, Montevideo, Uruguay: Trinity, Merou, E. R.; Bordenave, Pampas, Arg.

Rev. E. J. Keller, San Antonio, Tex.: Irazusta, E. R.; St. Paul's, Galarza, E. R.; St. Paul's, Nokomis, Ill.; Trinity, Nokomis, Ill.; St. John's, Palmer, Kans.

Rev. A. T. Kramer, Bahia Blanca, Arg.: by the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary at Villa Ballester, Arg.

Prof. Fr. Lange, Crespo, Arg.: Christ, Macia, E. R.; St. John's, San Juan, E. R.; St. Paul's, Gral. San Martin, Pampas; Crespo, E. R.

Rev. Robert Rippe, Buenos Aires: St. John's, Hammond, Ind.; St. Paul's, Hammond, Ind.

Rev. R. Schmidt, Banfield, Arg.: Coronel Suarez, F. C. S., Arg.

C. F. LEHENBAUER, *Secretary, Board of Missions for South America.*

Oct. 29, 1945.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1945, to October 31, 1945

From Districts	Budget Accounts	Peace Thankoffering
1. Alberta and British Columbia	$ 3,859.25	$ 18,750.00
2. Argentine	150.00	——
3. Atlantic	62,810.09	——
4. Brazil	——	——
5. California and Nevada	7,341.28	51,078.72
6. Central	193,967.88	451,946.76
7. Central Illinois	79,718.78	150,424.48
8. Colorado	9,001.11	45,631.06
9. Eastern	46,252.34	129,708.62
10. English	77,194.63	169,805.33
11. Iowa-East	29,700.00	104,576.09
12. Iowa-West	59,541.85	214,730.88
13. Kansas	34,696.43	149,073.90
14. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	4,019.10	17,715.69
15. Michigan	175,612.73	413,637.32
16. Minnesota	125,328.49	275,072.17
17. Montana	2,961.15	17,028.66
18. North Dakota	13,072.32	62,615.91
19. Northern Illinois	164,024.68	378,980.16
20. Northern Nebraska	23,101.97	84,808.37
21. North Wisconsin	68,390.80	136,199.60
22. Oklahoma	8,913.28	36,037.29
23. Ontario	13,392.83	40,000.00
24. Oregon and Washington	21,083.40	108,621.98
25. South Dakota	7,688.38	57,277.28
26. Southeastern	18,346.64	57,450.48
27. Southern	10,690.05	54,840.06
28. Southern California	7,538.69	80,270.45
29. Southern Illinois	42,901.99	92,256.04
30. Southern Nebraska	28,295.82	108,463.17
31. South Wisconsin	113,458.68	188,014.89
32. Texas	25,870.74	75,857.79
33. Western	128,528.50	319,824.55
Total from Districts	$1,607,453.88	$4,090,697.70*
From L. L. L. Endowment Fund	44,563.03	
From Other Sources	92,406.03	14,410.72
GRAND TOTAL	$1,744,422.94	$4,105,108.42

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Financial Secretary*

* If we assume that the Districts remitted 80 per cent of their Peace Thankoffering receipts, then the aggregate of all receipts during this year is $5,127,782.84, and adding $2,193.24 received last year makes a grand total of $5,129,976.08.

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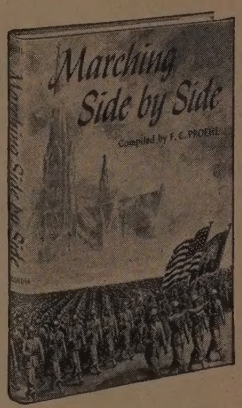

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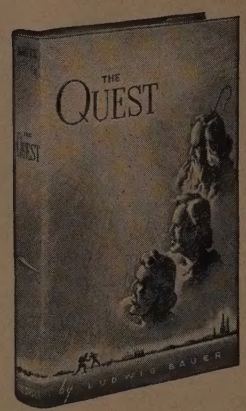

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